

REMARKS

A. Introduction

Claims 1-18 were presented for examination.

Claims 1-13 were rejected.

Claims 14-18 were objected to.

Claims 1-18 have been amended.

B. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Examiner rejected Claims 1-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as anticipated by US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0067273A1. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 9 to clarify the distinctions of the present invention from that of the prior art. These amendments apply to the applicable dependent claims.

C. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Examiner rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0067273A1. The amendment to Claim 1 distinguishes Claim 8 over the prior art.

Applicant has considered all points made by the Examiner in the Office Action dated July 13, 2005 and has incorporated Examiner's suggestions to ensure compliance with the applicable rules. In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 1-18 are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections is respectfully requested.

If impediments to allowance of Claims 1-18 remain and a telephone conference

between the undersigned and the examiner would help remove such impediments in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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